

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits this proposed amendment. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant's representative (Glenn E. Von Tersch) conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner on March 25, 2005 at which time these amendments were discussed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this interview.

Applicant's representative discussed potential amendments and the prior art of record in the application with the Examiner on March 25, 2005. While specific amendments were not discussed, the general character of the potential amendments was discussed. Additionally, the prior art was discussed. On March 30, 2005, a further telephonic discussion occurred, concerning the procedure for transmitting this proposed amendment to the Examiner.

Claim 69 has been amended to clarify the claimed invention, to state in the best way known to the Applicant what the claimed invention is. It is not believed that the amendment of claim 69 represents a significant change in claim scope, rather it is believed that the amended language makes clear that which was implied by the previously submitted claim. The general character of this amendment was discussed with the Examiner on March 25, 2005.

The Abstract has also been amended to clarify that it discusses an embodiment of incremental seal wire activation as is disclosed and claimed in the application. The amendment to the Abstract is believed to clarify the language of the Abstract, without adding new matter or otherwise substantively changing the application. This amendment was also generally discussed with the Examiner on March 25, 2005.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application as amended, and allowance of the claims as amended.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at (650) 838-4300 to arrange for such a conference.

No fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment in fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2207, including any funds necessitated due to an accompanying check being drawn on an account with insufficient funds. To the extent necessary and not otherwise requested, Applicant requests an Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action, and requests that the fee for such an extension be charged to Deposit Account number 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,

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